

REMARKS

Claims 26-34 are presented for consideration, with Claims 26, 29 and 32 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited art.

Claims 26-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Matsumoto '428. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's invention as set forth in Claim 26 relates to an image reproducing apparatus capable of displaying an image of an object, picked-up by a camera and stored together with information of direction of the camera, on a display device. The apparatus comprises a reproducing device to reproduce a plurality of images picked up by the camera, on the display device, and a reproducing control device to control reproduction of the reproducing device so as to reproduce a group of images picked up by the camera. As amended, Claim 26 recites that the directions of the group of images are in the same predetermined direction, among the plurality of images stored in a storage device, in accordance with the information of direction of the camera.

Claims 29 and 32 are directed to an image reproducing method and a storage medium, respectively, and correspond to Claim 26. These claims have thus also been amended to recite reproducing a group of images picked up by the camera, with the directions of the group of images being in the same predetermined direction in accordance with the information of direction of the camera.

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found, for example, on page 4, line 25 of the specification. In accordance with Applicant's claimed invention, a group of stored images can be effectively reproduced.

As discussed in the previous Amendment of August 2, 2005, Matsumoto relates to an electronic photography system capable of electronically recording and displaying images. An image capturing unit 101 captures images through image pickup 103 and stores the captured images in a storage unit 104 along with attribute data. The attribute data can include a photographing day and time as well as attitude data of the camera. Column 2801 in Figure 28 shows a shooting attitude of the camera. With this information, pictures can be displayed in their correct orientation but at different attitudes as shown in Figure 30. Therefore, in contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, Matsumoto does not teach or suggest, among other features, reproducing a group of images picked up by the camera, with directions of the group of images in the same predetermined direction, among the plurality of stored images, in accordance with the information of direction of the camera.

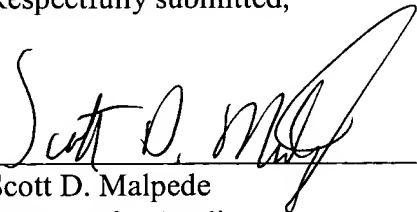
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Therefore, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 26, 29 and 32 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 27, 28, 30, 31, 33 and 34 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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